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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: MOVEMENT OF IRAQI TRUCK CONVOY

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1. DURING MY CALL ON FON MIN UNDERSECRETARY MANSOURI ON MARCH 21, I MENTIONED THAT USG WAS CONCERNED OVER REPORTS OF AN IRAQI TRUCK CONVOY TRANSITING SYRIA TO LEBANON. I COMMENTED THAT THIS COULD BE DANGEROUS AND UNFORTUNATELY CAME JUST AT TIME WHEN WE HAD HOPES OF CONTAINING THE FIGHTING AND STABILIZING THE SITUATION IN SOUTH LEBANON.

2. MANSOURI SAID THAT THE IRAQIS AND SYRIANS WERE ALWAYS TRYING TO OUTBID EACH OTHER, BUT MADE NO OTHER COMMENT.

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3. COMMENT: IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT SAUDIS ARE CONCERNED OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF ESCALATION OF THE CONFLICT IN SOUTH LEBANON. I BELIEVE THEY MAY APPROACH THE SYRIANS AND URGE THEM TO CUT OFF THE IRAQIS' TRANSIT RIGHTS.
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